

What is claimed is:

1. A seat assembly (10) adapted to be coupled to front and rear rods (20, 32) attached to a floor of a vehicle, the seat assembly (10) comprising:

a seat cushion (12);

front legs (16) pivotally coupled to the seat cushion (12);

a foot bracket (24) attached at a lower end (28) of the front legs (16), the foot bracket (24) comprising front and rear hook portions (26, 28) associated with the front and rear rods (30, 32) respectively;

a cinching hook (40) attached to the foot bracket (24) adjacent the front hook portion (26), the cinching hook (40) and front hook portion (26) cooperating to reversibly engage the front rod (30); and

a first link (44) extending between the seat cushion (12) and the cinching hook (40) wherein the cinching hook (40) is actuated about the front rod (30) in response to pivotal movement of the seat cushion (12) about the front legs (16).

2. The seat assembly (10) of claim 1 wherein the front hook portion (26) comprises an arcuate member adapted to engage an upper portion of the front rod (30) and wherein the cinching hook (40) comprises an arcuate member adapted to engage a lower portion of the front rod (30), whereby the front hook portion (26) and cinching hook (40) cooperate to securely engage the front rod (30).

3. The seat assembly (10) of claim 1 wherein the rear hook portion (28) comprises a member having a u-shaped slot adapted to engage the rear rod (32) for sliding movement therein.

4. The seat assembly (10) of claim 1 further including a first assist spring (19) associated with the front legs (16) and seat cushion (12) for biasing the seat cushion (12) to a forward dumped position.

5. The seat assembly (10) of claim 1 further including a central bracket (33) attached to the foot bracket (24).

6. The seat assembly (10) of claim 5 further including a second assist spring (34) associated with the central bracket (33) and front legs (16) for biasing the front legs (16) towards a stowed position.

7. The seat assembly (10) of claim 1 further including a biasing member (42) associated with the foot bracket (24) and the cinching hook (40) for biasing the cinching hook (40) into engagement with the front rod (30).

8. The seat assembly (10) of claim 1 wherein the front and rear hook portions (26, 28) further include polymeric bumpers (27, 29) associated therewith for minimizing vibration between the foot bracket (24) and front and rear rods (30, 32).

9. The seat assembly (10) of claim 1 further including rear legs (50) pivotally coupled to the seat cushion (12).

10. The seat assembly (10) of claim 9 wherein the rear legs (50) include a latch hook (56) for releasably connecting the rear legs (50) to the floor of the vehicle.

11. The seat assembly (10) of claim 9 further including a second link (60) connected to the front leg (16) at a first end (62) and a rear leg (50) at a second end (64) of the link (60) for pivoting the rear legs (50) between support and stowed positions in response

to pivotal movement of the seat cushion (12) between the seating and forwardly dumped positions.

12. The seat assembly (10) of claim 1 further including a cross member (36) extending between the front legs (16) for stabilizing movement of the front legs (16) between support and stowed positions.

13. A seat assembly (10) adapted to be coupled to front and rear rods (20, 32) attached to a floor of a vehicle, the seat assembly (10) comprising:

a seat cushion (12);

front legs (16) pivotally coupled to the seat cushion (12);

a foot bracket (24) attached at a lower end (28) of the front legs (16), the foot bracket (24) comprising front and rear hook portions (26, 28) associated with the front and rear rods (30, 32) respectively;

a cinching hook (40) attached to the foot bracket (24) adjacent the front hook portion (26), the cinching hook (40) and front hook portion (26) cooperating to reversibly engage the front rod (30); and

a first link (44) extending between the seat cushion (12) and the cinching hook (40) wherein movement of the seat cushion (12) between seating and forwardly dumped positions corresponds to movement of the cinching hook (40) between engaged and disengaged positions relative to the front rod (30) allowing lateral movement of the seat assembly (10) along the front (16) and rear (50) legs.